



November 16, 2009

Mr. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room: 8-B201
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Wireless Service Facility Siting - Proceeding 08-165

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Asheville Regional Airport Authority located in the City of Asheville, County of Buncombe, North Carolina, has definite reservations to the above captioned hearing. As an airport authority, we work in conjunction with city, county and state regulators to protect the airspace on and around the airport. The process in which we operate, may have a bearing on the time necessary to determine whether a proposed cell tower is detrimental to an airport's operational function.

The safety of the traveling public via commercial air service or general aviation should be top priority and should not be trumped by a delay in local or state process for cell tower siting approval. Current local and state regulations are acceptable as they relate to the timeframe to determine a cell phone company's application for a tower, proximity to another tower already sited, and local ordinances in place.

The Asheville Regional Airport Authority does not support the effort to preempt local authority over cell tower decision making, we think these decisions are best made at the local government level, and that we've already resolved these issues in North Carolina state law.

Please consider our concerns when making your determination.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E.
Airport Director